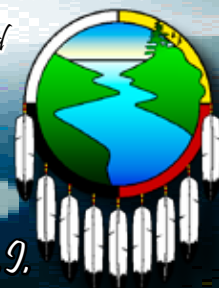


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## Rapid River News



Binaakwe-Giizis (Falling Leaves Moon)  
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From L.R.B.O.I.

(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

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<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

**Click here for LRCR Employment**

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.

- ☐ Meeting time is 11:30 AM
- ☐ Changes in the By Laws (Elected officials to serve only 2 years)
- ☐ Lunch to be served at 12 Noon (catered by the Casino.....Thank you RON!!!!!!)
- ☐ Announcements of new names on Memorial
  - o Veteran's Day November 11th at:
    - 8:00 a.m. - Veterans are encouraged to visit the LRCR Players Club Booth to receive one complimentary, limited edition, Veterans Day hat. (while supplies last)
    - 11:00 a.m. - A special salute to the Armed Forces will take place at the Welcoming Hearth (hotel lobby area). All local Veterans are welcome.

o Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660

### Grants update!

The Grants office was just notified last week that LRB has been awarded \$434,169 from the Office on Violence Against Women which will be managed by the Family Services Department. It is a three year project and will be of significant benefit to our Tribe!!!

Ghost Supper. A Community Ghost Supper has been scheduled for Sunday, November 1st at the Community Center. The time will be at 4:07 p.m. See the full details in the next Currents.

Casino Board Meeting!  
The next Casino Open Board meeting is scheduled for October 16th in the Grand River Room. The meeting starts at 4 p.m.

• Fall Celebration. The Fall Celebration took place the 1st through the 4th of October at Aki Maadiiziwin. Early on Thursday morning the sacred fire was lit and the lodge erected and covered. For all attending the event, it was a wonderful time to gather, learn and share.

• Art Exhibit in Manistee. 'Anishinaabe Art is Good Medicine' art exhibit begins at the T. Walter Hardy Hall in the Ramsdell Theatre building on Maple Street. This first-ever exhibit runs from October 9th through October 18th. Exhibit hours:

- o Artists Reception Friday, October 9th from 6 to 8 p.m.
- o October 10th, 16th and 17th from 1 to 8 p.m.
- o October 11th and 18th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Muschigon Construction, LLC, a Tribal Enterprise, has an immediate opening for a Construction Foreman in Manistee. Job requirements include: 5 years of experience in residential or commercial construction, read and interpret blueprints, possess a valid driver's license and be insurable on the company auto policy. Must have the ability to perform heavy lifting, work on ladders at considerable height and work under winter conditions. Must be able to manage a crew, safeguard the job site and contribute to the construction project. Apply at Muschigon Construction, 294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660. Telephone: 231.398.0800 or email: [info@muschigonconstruction.com](mailto:info@muschigonconstruction.com)

This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 9-30-09  
If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

## Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation  
DM - Divorce with children  
EB - Election Board Appeal  
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment  
GM - Guardianship of Minor  
JV - Juvenile  
NC - Name Change  
TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support  
DO - Divorce w/o children  
EM - Emancipation of Minor  
GA - Gaming Appeal  
GR - Employment Matter  
LT - Landlord Tenant  
PF - Probate  
TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket  
EA - Enrollment Appeal  
FJ - Foreign Judgment  
GC - General Civil  
JC - Judicial Complaint  
NA - Neglect Abuse  
PPO - Personal Protection Order  
WC - Workmen's Compensation

## **Monday, October 19, 2009; Judge Bailey**

- 10:00 a.m. 09151GA - Cooper v. Gaming Pretrial/Sch. Conf

## **Thursday, October 22, 2009; Judge Sherigan**

- 11:00 a.m. 09184NA - Neglect/Abuse Review Hearing
- 1:30 p.m. 09169GC - Martin v. Tribe Pretrial/Motion Hrg.

## **Friday, October 26, 2009; Judge Bailey**

- 10:00 a.m. 09205NC - Vaquera Name Change

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- Chamber Business Expo. The tribal government and the resort participated in the 3rd Annual Business Expo for the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday. This was a very successful event which brought 54 different business booths to the Makwaa Endaat.

From your Tribal Tax Officer:  
Tax-Exempt Quotas

Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is 175 gallons per Tribal member.

Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is 2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member while tax-exempt supply lasts.

THE TRIBES ANNUAL QUOTA OF TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES ARE ALMOST GONE.

TAX-EXEMPT CIGARETTES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AGAIN UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010.

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open.

Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission	2 current openings	1 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Health Commission	1 current opening	1 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office.  
Thanks

*(Kateri Circle)**Follow the Old One's advise."**--Tom Porter, MOHAWK**The Old One is called by many different names - Grandfather, The Four directions, Father Sky, Mother Earth. We should seek the advice of the Old One to help us build our vision. He will put inside of our mind and heart the vision that we are to follow. This vision is recognizable by the feeling that it has with it. This feeling is hard to describe. It feels right, it feels calm, it feels joyful, it feels warm, it feels sacred. The Old One has a way of letting us know it really is His advice. Listen carefully!**Grandfather, I'm listening*

The LRBOI Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program will be conducting two Fish Cleaning and Filet Workshops on October 30th. Proper fish cleaning/filet techniques will be demonstrated and a "hands on" learning opportunity will be made available. Please bring a cooler for your fish; all other needed materials, including ice, will be provided. You can bring your own filet knife if you choose but the department will have knives to use as well.

The morning and afternoon workshops will be limited to ten participants each. If more than 20 people show an interest, we will host additional workshops as long as necessary, (or until the fish move out to deeper waters)

When: Friday, October 30, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: LRBOI Natural Resource Department, 159 Brickyard Road, Manistee, MI 49660 (Big Blue Building)

RSVP: Please sign up for the Fish Cleaning/Filet Workshop by emailing [bharnish@LRBOI.com](mailto:bharnish@LRBOI.com) or by calling Bonnie Harnish @ Toll free 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180

### Homework Assistance in Muskegon

LRBOI has opened up the Muskegon Building to the LRBOI Education Dept., and Santana Aker will be there offering tutoring to all LRBOI students (k-12) and descendants of LRBOI citizens who are in need of academic help. Basic Skills, Time Management, Organization Management, Subject Area Learning Skills, ETC. will be things that she can assist in learning. Also, Santana is offering students computer basics and basic website lessons if they feel that is something they would like to learn.

#### WHEN?

September 9th, 2009 – December 20th, 2009  
(15 weeks)

Monday – (1:30pm-5pm)  
Wednesday – (1:30pm-5pm)  
Sunday – (10am-2:45pm)

#### WHERE?

LRBOI Muskegon Building  
1101 W. Hackley Ave.  
Muskegon, MI

#### CONTACT

Email – [SAKER@LRBOI.COM](mailto:SAKER@LRBOI.COM)  
Cell – 231-730-3981 (text or call)  
Office – 231-398-6654 (During office times only-messages not available)

#### WHO IS SANTANA?

Santana Aker, is a tribal citizen and Intern for the LRBOI Education Dept. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a teaching certificate endorsed in History, Geography, and Group Social Studies from Grand Valley State University. He will be completing his Masters of Education curriculum in the winter semester, as well as a teachable English minor from GVSU as well.

## Optical Service

Beginning October 1, 2009, GTB will only service members of other Federally Recognized tribes that live in their service area (Antrim, Benzie, Manistee, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties). Non GTB members will no longer have discount privileges and they will be charged the full amount. This is for optical services only. No word on anything else (medical, dental). According to Gina Wright (CHS/EHAP Supervisor) these should still be less costly than regular retail/optical stores.

Mutual Aid. Numerous 'Letters to the Editor' have been appearing in the Manistee News Advocate over the last two weeks in support of a proposed Mutual Aid Agreement that would give Tribal officers backup law enforcement powers in the City of Manistee. The City's Police Chief brought the issue forward as cutbacks to the State Police and Sheriff's Department have left the city without police adequate coverage. The city and tribe have a long history of cooperation.



Elders Conference Agenda  
Three Fires Conference Room  
November 7th, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Person</u>
9:00-10:00 am	Registration	June Sam
10:00-10:15 am	Welcome	Ron Pete
10:15-11:00 am	LRCR – Casino	Tom Davis
11:00-12:00 pm	Health Clinic	Gang

**Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

1:00-2:00 pm	Tribal Questions/Answers	Larry Romanelli
2:00-2:45 pm	LRBOI History	Jay Sam
2:45-3:15 pm	Living Wills/Trusts	Mary Witkop
3:15pm-4:15pm	Peacemaking	Pat Wilson
4:15 pm-5:00pm	Tribal, State, Federal Elder Concerns	Ron Pete

6:00 to 9:00pm Supper and Entertainment

Warrior Society – Raffle  
Pictorial History

Elder Committee – Raffle

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Elders has been and will continue to be held in high esteem for their wisdom and understanding. We as a people need to document current information so some day it will become part of the Tribes history. The Elders believe it is time to start a pictorial history of all current Elders. Please take some time and have your individual picture taken today or tomorrow over by the Waterfall area.

Mack Brushman will be available during the Elders Conference to start the Pictorial History for future generations.

November 8th, 2009

9:30am to 11:00am – Elders Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

Discussion Elders Work Plan

Discussion & Questions with Tribal Councilors Present

Future Expectations – Elders

Adjournment

## Department of Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Discontinued Chip/Token Notice

Little River Casino Resort of Manistee, Michigan, and Enterprise of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Has changed the design of it's active gaming chips and tokens. Chips and tokens hearing the former design are discontinued and will be valid for play or redemption for a limited time only. Holders of discontinued chips and tokens are encouraged to exchange or redeem them by December 1, 2009

**Beginning- Ending Date:** During the first week of September through December 2009 ads will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in addition, posters will be placed in various locations at the Resort and in all LRBOI Tribal Buildings. The Resort will be posting the same information on the Resort's web-site, [www.lrcr.com](http://www.lrcr.com).

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## Break the Silence-Stop the Violence

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Family Services Department has planned several activities throughout the month. We invite and encourage you to join us to help to break the silence and break the cycle of domestic violence.

Purple has come to be the color which is symbolic of domestic violence. Perhaps originally because of the coloring of bruises.

Please wear and display purple during October. When friends or strangers ask, tell them why you are displaying purple. Let your community know that you demand an end to continued passive support of violence.

October 1st-Tribal Family Gathering-Muskegon office-5-7-pm. Join us for a family meal and an opportunity to win one of 2 door prizes. Muskegon Take Back the Night Walk. 7-9pm. A collaborative effort with Every Woman's Place DV shelter. Gathering at the LRBOI office we will begin with general information about domestic violence along with local statistics regarding prevalence followed by a presentation from DV survivors. Each participant will be provided with a purple glow stick for the walk. Upon returning to the office snacks will be provided.

October 2nd-Small purple ribbons will be distributed in Tribal Government employee paychecks

October 14th-Tribal Family Gathering Manistee Community Center-5-7pm. For those of you who can't make it to Muskegon on October 1st. Manistee Take Back the Night Walk 7:30-9:30-A collaborative effort with CHOICES. Gathering at Port City Grille.

October 15th-Paint the Tribe Purple-everyone is encouraged to wear as much purple as possible and decorate your space w/ purple. There will be a friendly competition between government departments. There will be a surprise judge coming to visit each department.

For more information contact Denise Anderson at 231-398-6736 or Melissa Sharlow at 231-398-6651.



Flu Shots at the Clinic. The Tribal Health Clinic has also received their seasonal flu shot vaccines and is encouraging tribal members to contact the clinic for an appointment to receive their flu shot.

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The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done. If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

(compiled by Office of Public Affairs)

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.